

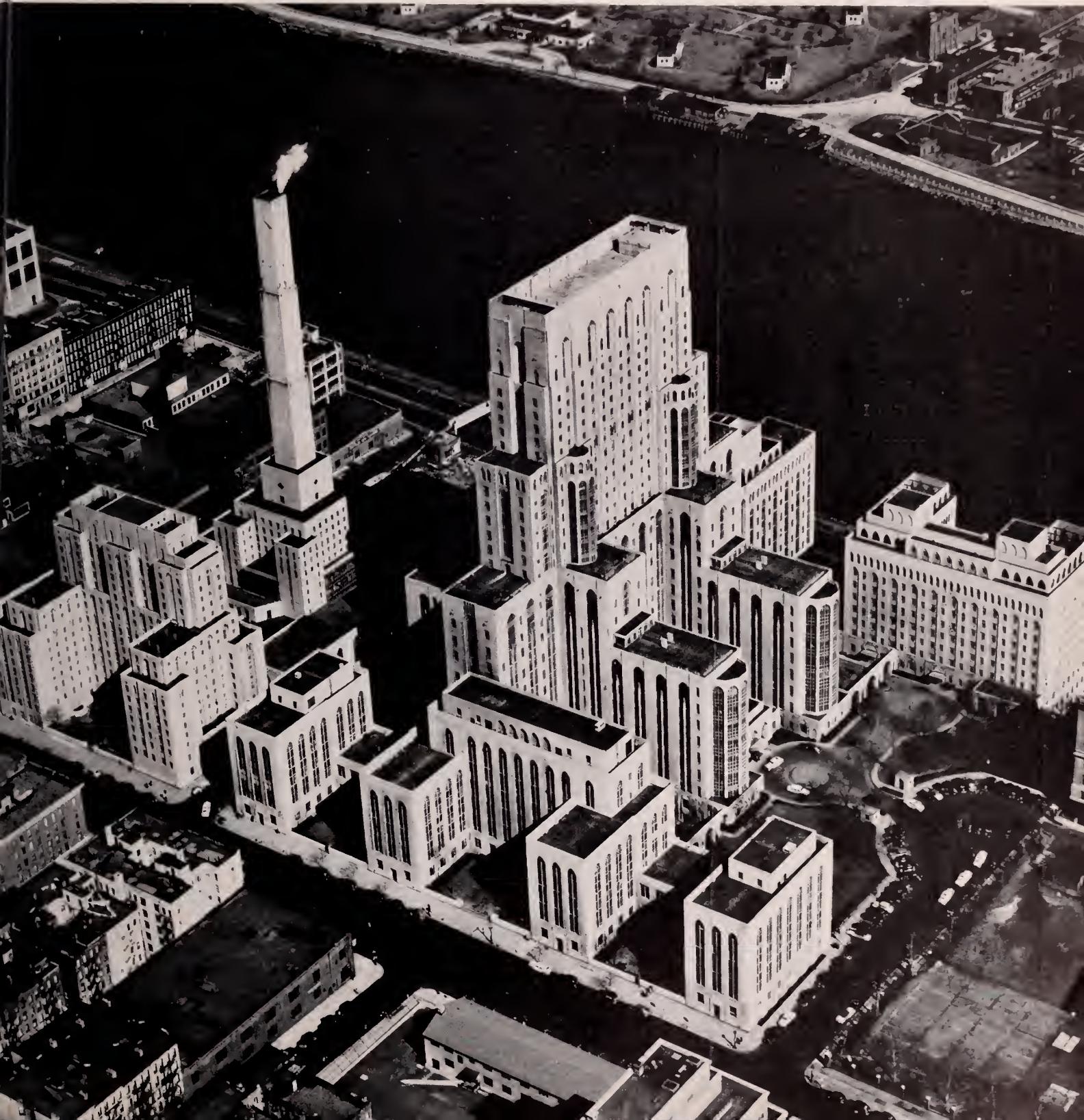
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Dear PULSE Readers:

As the new editors of your magazine, we would like to tell you a little about our hopes and plans for the future.

First of all, we want to say we realize that both our pairs of feet cannot begin to fill the shoes of one Len McHugh who organized the publication of THE PULSE and guided its steps for so many years. However, we shall do our best to continue his policy of making the magazine live up to its title, "The Pulse of The New York Hospital Employees."

We hope that each and every one of you here at the Center will help us in this aim by continuing to bring us your ideas and suggestions. THE PULSE belongs to you, and we are at your service.

We live in Room F-237 and our extension is 7360.

Respectfully,

HELENE J. JORDAN  
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## NEW PAINTINGS BRIGHTEN HOSPITAL WALLS

Many of you have noticed the pictures which gradually have been hung in clinics, waiting rooms and offices around the Hospital. You may have wondered why and how the Hospital has acquired them.

Some have been loaned, some have been given. The majority have been selected and bought by the House Committee of the Board of Governors from funds donated specifically for that purpose. These funds are earmarked for pictures and other items of decoration and comfort in the much-used administration rooms and clinics throughout the buildings.

The wallpaper, soon to appear in the Garden Dining Room, the murals in the Children's and Out-Patients' Clinics, and much of the equipment for the nursery school on the 18th floor were furnished by these special funds of the House Committee through its chairman, Mr. Willard S. Simpkins. The Committee has done this work with the hope that Hospital surroundings may become pleasanter both for patients and employees.

## THIS TIME OF THE YEAR

The first, fresh greenness of early summer disappears. The city begins to take on a tired, dusty look. The August sun seems to parch and wilt wherever it touches. The mind wanders to vacations past or still to come. It's hard to remember what it felt like to be really cool.

This time of the year is a period of watchful waiting. What will the fall bring? Will that promotion go through? Will the new boss be a right guy? Can we handle all the new work that's coming in?

The whole world seems to be suspended—waiting. Who will be the next President? Will food prices keep on going up? What's going to happen in Berlin? In China? In Palestine?

This time of the year is the time to take stock of the year passing—the gains, the successes, the failures and the things we'd like to change. This is the time to slow the pace a little, to take a deep breath, and to renew our confidence in ourselves, and our work for the busy months that lie ahead.

See you in October.

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## FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

Even the weather cooperated with Pediatric Occupational Therapy Department which held a strawberry festival on Friday, July 30. The purpose of the party was to raise funds to buy toys and other materials for children's activities.

### THE COVER

"You work at The New York Hospital?" "Where is it?" "Is it a big place?" "What part do you work in?"

Hardly a day goes by that one of us is not asked some similar question by our friends and families.

To help you answer them, here is The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center—complete—even to the familiar puff of smoke from the Power House tower. Photo by Thomas Airviews.

## THERE'S REALLY NOTHING TO IT

Somebody said one time that fear was only a lack of understanding. That's certainly true when it comes to technical words for medical equipment or tests, particularly if they're going to be used on us. Even working here, we're vague about a lot of meanings. Recently one of THE PULSE staff was frightened by one of those words, so in the interest of others who quake in their boots when they hear a word ending in "—graph" or "—gram" or "—scope" we're going to explain in each issue some of the more common words relating to patient (and our) care. For instance:

**Basal Metabolic Apparatus:** There's really nothing to it! The machine simply measures the rate of oxygen consumption in your body. The night before your basal metabolism test you don't eat or drink anything after dinner. In the morning you don't eat, drink or smoke. You go to the hospital or the doctor's office, lie down for half an hour and then an odd-looking object is brought in. It's called a "calorimeter," a fancy name for measuring device. A rubber gadget is fitted over your nose and you breathe. That's all. Just breathe. The rate at which you consume oxygen (as measured on graph on the calorimeter) tells the doctor how much energy you're using.

**Blood Count:** This is a routine part of any physical examination. A few drops of blood are taken from your finger or your ear. Some of it is diluted with special fluids and some is spread in a thin film on a microscope slide. The technician then counts the red and white cells that make up the blood. If there are infections or certain kinds of disease present, they will show in the blood count. For instance, there's an increase in white cells in appendicitis and a decrease in red cells in anemia.

(More next issue. Any in particular you'd like to know about?)

## WHAT MAKES THE CENTER TICK?



*This is the first article in a new series which was introduced in the last issue. Because the idea for this series came from one member of a group whose job is an important part of the smooth running of this organization, this first article is entitled, "THE ORDERLY."*

"Miss Ewen, the oxygen tank in G-515 needs changing!"

"They want Mr. Smith in Physiotherapy right away, Miss Stratton!"

"Darn this thing, anyway! It's stuck hard and fast. I must find Eddy to fix it."

These remarks are samples of what is heard on almost any floor in The New York Hospital. Sometimes I think we don't appreciate the value of a good orderly until we have learned to depend upon him. His jobs are many and varied. If you don't believe it, just wander on one of the busy pavilions and watch one for an eight-hour stretch. To begin with, think how long it must take a new orderly to find his way around this large Hospital. There's hardly a nook or cranny to which he doesn't have to go at some time or another. But I defy you to stump any of the "old timers." Joe Roberts, our head orderly, has been with us since 1937. George Hanbury, Julian Jaffee and Thomas Flaherty came in 1932 and Eddie Smith started work here in 1937.

Joe Roberts instructs the new orderlies in some of the techniques which they must learn, such as handling oxygen equipment and giving selective patient treatments. The new man works with one of the experienced orderlies until he feels more confident and secure,

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## NUTRITION DEPARTMENT GRADUATES EIGHT

On Wednesday, June 30th, graduation exercises were held for the eight members of the class of 1948, New York Hospital Department of Nutrition.

The exercises were held in the Board of Governors' Room, and the graduating address was given by Dr. George W. Wheeler. Louise Stephenson, Director of the Nutrition Department, presented the class of 1948, and Laurence G. Payson, Acting Director of the Hospital, awarded diplomas and pins. A reception followed the exercises.

Those graduating were Jeanne Blankenship, Phyllis Jane Donnell, Edith Itano, Mary Josephine Mercer and Margaret Ann Wilson. Junior Students Gaynelle Carnes, Yvonne Carchedi and Wilda Jane Derryberry, who participated in the ceremonies, will complete their training in December and will be awarded diplomas and pins at that time.

Miss Blankenship, Miss Donnell, Miss Itano and Miss Wilson are at present here on the staff.

## In Memoriam

Martin Quinn, Protection Department, died on June 19th. Martin came to N.Y.H. on August 16th, 1932. He took up his post at the main entrance of the Hospital where he became a familiar figure, beloved by employees, patients and visitors alike. His friendliness and his ready wit are keenly missed by all who knew him.

Mary Rice, Building Service, died on June 18th. Mary had been a member of the Building Service Department for fifteen years. Her loyalty to the Hospital made her a member of the staff who will not soon be forgotten.

Charles Boyle, Engineering Department, died June 10th. Although he had been here for less than a year, he will be remembered by all his co-workers for his willingness and cooperation.

## DR. HENRY N. PRATT NAMED DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL

The appointment of Dr. Henry Nickerson Pratt as Director of the New York Hospital was announced publicly in June by William H. Jackson, President of The New York Hospital. At present Dr. Pratt is Administrator of Memorial Hospital, where he has been participating in the development of that center for the treatment of cancer since February, 1946. The date when he will assume the duties as Director of our Hospital has not yet been definitely determined, but will be not later than January 1st.

Dr. Pratt will succeed Laurence G. Payson, who, in addition to his duties as Secretary and Treasurer, has been serving as Acting Director since the first of the year, when Murray Sargent retired. Mr. Payson will continue as Secretary and Treasurer.

A later issue of the THE PULSE will carry a photograph and biography of Dr. Pratt by way of introducing him to New York Hospital personnel.

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## DR. BARR TO HEAD MEDICAL BOARD

On June 7th, the Hospital announced the election of Dr. David P. Barr as President of the Medical Board to fill the post left vacant by the death on May 2nd of Dr. Henricus J. Stander.

Dr. Barr, who has been a member of the Medical Board for the past seven years, is physician-in-chief of the Hospital and professor of medicine of the Cornell University Medical College. A former president of the American College of Physicians, Dr. Barr has been associated with this Hospital in its teaching and clinical activities since 1941 when he came here from Washington University and Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

He is a graduate of Cornell Medical College and holds the degree of doctor of laws from Central College, Fayette, Mo., and the degree of doctor of science from Washington University.

As president, Dr. Barr will direct the activities of the Medical Board, which is responsible for the professional care of all patients receiving treatment here at the Center.

## DR. STILLMAN TO RETIRE

It is with deep regret that we announce the retirement of Dr. Ralph G. Stillman, Clinical Pathologist in charge of Central Laboratories. Dr. Stillman will retire on September 30th, after having been associated with The New York Hospital for more than 40 years.



Dr. Stillman graduated from Yale University in 1903 and received his medical degree from Columbia University in 1907. He began his internship in the House of Relief of New York Hospital on Hudson Street in 1907, and in 1909 was Resident House Surgeon at the old Lying-in Hospital. In 1911 he was appointed Physician to the Out-Patient Department of The New York Hospital, and later in the same year, assistant to Dr. Roper, who was then in charge of the Division of Laboratories of the Hospital on 16th Street. In 1912, Dr. Stillman was appointed Clinical Pathologist, the post which he has held up to the present time. In 1920 he was appointed Assistant Director to the Division of Laboratories under Dr. William J. Elser, the Director. In 1938, when Dr. Elser was retired, the Central Laboratories became a part of the Department of Medicine under Dr. Eugene DuBois, with Dr.

Stillman in complete charge of the laboratories.

Dr. Stillman served in the U. S. Army Medical Corps in the First World War as a Major in Base Hospital No. 9 (the N.Y.H. Unit) which went to France in 1917. In 1941 he organized and conducted a Plasma for Britain Bank and later, when the United States entered the Second World War, he set up a plasma bank for our Defense and Disaster Units. Through his efforts the Central Laboratories staff was trained as a Disaster Unit within the Hospital in case of emergency. Dr. Stillman has also been connected with Cornell University Medical College for nearly 36 years, having been appointed Instructor in Clinical Medicine in 1912. He now holds the post of Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical Pathology). He proudly wears his gold service pin awarded last November by the Joint Administration Board to employees with more than 25 years of service.

When The New York Hospital moved from West 16th Street in 1932 to its present site, the Central Laboratories was a very small service with about 25 members, and had space only on the 2nd, 4th and 5th floors. The demands made upon this department have constantly increased from year to year so that it has now developed into

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## DR. KELLNER APPOINTED TO CENTRAL LABORATORIES

We want to extend a most hearty welcome to Dr. Aaron Kellner, the new Director of Central Laboratories, who took over his post on July 1st.

Dr. Kellner is not new to this Center, having served as Assistant Resident and Resident in Pathology and Research Fellow and Instructor in Pathology at Cornell Medical College. Dr. Kellner received his medical degree from the University of Chicago in 1939 and served four years in the U. S. Army Medical Corps as Chief of Laboratory Service, A.A.F. Regional Station Hospitals, at Westover Field, Massachusetts, and Mitchell Field, L. I.

We extend our very best wishes to Dr. Kellner in his new duties and want to assure him of our fullest cooperation.



#### MEET K-4

To many people August is a month to be dreaded all year long. It is the month of sneezes and wheezes when it seems as if almost everyone you know goes about with a large box of Kleenex tucked under his arm. All of which makes K-4, the Allergy Clinic, one of the busiest spots in the Hospital during the summer months. In 1947, 12,877 patient visits were made to the Clinic and it looks as if 1948 would be even bigger.

Let's suppose that you are a brand new member of the Society of Hay Fever Sufferers and a first-time visitor to the Allergy Clinic. You will find a staff of three or four doctors and three nurses on hand. First of all, you will visit the skin-testing division where a series of tests will determine just what

substance it is that makes you sneeze—or cough—or itch. Then a doctor sets up a schedule for injections and determines the amount of serum you will receive each time. You may get anywhere from three to five injections at each visit and will become familiar with the gentle tones of "Other arm, please."

The most common allergies are to ragweed, dust and timothy, although some people are allergic to such exotic substances as face powder, feathers and wool.

Like many of our clinics, the atmosphere of K-4 is a sociable one, for most of the patients are "old timers." They get to know the nurses, bring in snapshots of their families, discuss their vacations and welcome newcomers to their ranks. One patient we talked to said, "I've been coming up here for years and I look forward to it in spite of the needles. I'm much better, too."



**ATTENTION— ALL HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES WITH SIX-MONTHS OF SERVICE. ENROLL NOW IN THE BLUE CROSS HOSPITALIZATION PLAN. PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY.**

**SEE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT**

#### NEW YORK STATE DIETETIC CONVENTION

The New York State Dietetic Association held its 17th Annual Convention at the Hotel St. Moritz at Lake Placid, N. Y., during the week of May 26th. The theme of the convention was "Meeting the Challenge of Today."

Five members of our Nutrition Department attended this meeting. Meredith Jones was chosen president-elect of the State Association. Betty Richmond spoke on "Carrying Good Taste in Diets to the Home," and Mildred Platt spoke at the administrative meeting on "The Role of the Dietitian in Personnel Management." Also present were Louise Stephenson and Susan Paige.

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#### JUST FOR LAUGHS

An eccentric chap named TURNER recently began signing his name PTHOLOGNYRRH. Pressed for an explanation, he justified his strange spelling as follows:

pth, as in pthistic, is pronounced T  
olo, as in colonel, is pronounced UR  
gn, as in gnat, is pronounced N  
Yrrh, as in myrrh, is pronounced ER

Isn't it a wonderful language?

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A woman, with her young son, who had just gone into long pants, handed the train conductor a whole and a half-fare ticket. The conductor looked at the youngster and said, "Madam, that boy is over twelve years of age; I can't accept this half-fare. Why he has on long trousers."

"All right," snapped the mother. "If the length of pants denotes a passenger's age, then the half-ticket is for me."

# Hospitales

**HERE AND THERE:** We extend our sympathy to Mr. Joseph Calgie in his recent bereavement, his father having passed away after a long illness. Joe has charge of the Issue-Media Room, Central Labs. . . Attention Building Service—drop a line to Joe Nitsch, Nurses Residence Houseman, now a patient on H-4 . . . Ditto for the many friends of Joe Quilty, O. R. Orderly, who was operated on for stomach ulcers. . . Joe Beyer, a student at Juniata College, is spending his sixth consecutive summer vacation piloting an elevator at N.Y.H. Joe's mother is the Housekeeper for G and H buildings. Dr. Joe Banta (say, is everybody's name Joe??) a patient on H-8, tonsils. Gladys Hatch, Nursing Administration Office, can really keep an eye on her family this summer. Son Frank is working in Information and pretty daughter Joan is a floor clerk in Women's Clinic . . Medical House Staff enjoyed an informal Mint Julep party at Jones Beach (well, pahdon mah southern accent) . . Rosemary Cheng, Social Service, formerly of Hong Kong, plans post graduate work at St. Louis U. this fall—my how that little girl gets around! . . Send a get well card to Tom Casey of Protection who is ill at home.

. . Doris Cassidy, Engineering, enjoying her vacation at Cape Cod . . Ellsworth Minn, Laundry, seems to be conquering the illness which plagued him for so long . . Kathleen Brady attended the Institute for Medical Record Librarians at Duke U . . Robert Morris, Personnel Department, spent his vacation in a novel way. He got a ticket to the quiz show "Winner Take All"—and he did—to the tune of one gas range and one deep freeze unit.

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**DIAMONDS ARE TRUMP:** Miss Marian Morse is sporting an engagement ring. Dr. Roy C. Swann, Jr. is the responsible party . . Merrilyn Fish, X-ray, and Fred Jenkins have filed their

intentions to become one . . ditto June Garguila, Records, and Joseph Varecha.

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**WEDDING BELLS:** Marion Weiss of Central Laboratories was the pretty June bride of George Bloom of Yonkers. Marion is the smiling technician on the 8th floor. All our best . . Dr. John McClenahan of Radiology and Miss Rita Bullitt are now Mr. and Mrs. . . Roberta O'Keefe, Nursing, took out fire insurance in the form of Frank Coughlin of the N. Y. C. Fire Department . . Luis Saliva, Laundry, killed two birds with one stone, vacationing and honeymooning . . Evelyn Mutz, Records, repeated the vows with Raymond Drager . . Edward L. Richman, Administrative Intern, married Lila Maxson on June 26 . . Dr. William A. MacIlwaine and Rosemary Monastra heard "Here Comes the Bride" on July 1st . . Congrats to one and all.

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**BUNDLES FROM HEAVEN:** Mr. and Mrs. Rathjen (Miss Groesbach of X-ray) will name their 7 lb. 11 ounce image, Mary Ann.

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**SLIPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT:** Quote "That 'No Smoking' sign doesn't mean anything in this elevator. That's just for visitors," unquote—Izzat so!!

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**NEW YORCHIDS:** To John McCue, Protection, for boosting the morale of the girls by tel'ing them all how pretty they look . . To Norma Regan on her promotion from floor clerk to the newly-created position of Assistant Pavilion Manager, H-7.

## College Corner

Dr. Joseph Chandler will be missed by all who were associated with him during the past fourteen years. He has left to take up duties at Ann Arbor, Mich., as Assistant Professor in Biochemistry and to work with their Department of Medicine Biochemistry Laboratory . . Other departures: Dr. A. Livermore, Dr. Fred Carpenter and Dr. Lester Reed. Dr. Thomas Magill has left for Long Island Medical College . . Mrs. Pamela BJORLIN, nee Hornidge,

has left our Anatomy Department to take up the duties of a housewife. Best wishes, Pam . . Miss Janet Gruschow and Dr. L. Reed have announced their engagement, as has Miss Josephine Dietzman of the Biochemistry Department . . Miss Cynthia Hewitt, Dr. Kidd's able secretary, and Dr. J. Correll will be married by the time you read this. We join their army of well wishers . . Students returning to the West Dormitory on 69th Street will find the interior has a new look. Speaking of "new look," have you seen our Pathology Seminar Room recently? . . The College Business Office now looks a bit more masculine with the addition of Joe Matthews to its staff.

## Nursing School Notes

Ann Detweiler parted company with her appendix. Doing nicely, thank you . . Terry Lehrbach looking hale and hearty again after a bout with German measles . . Not much news from this quarter. Everyone's packing for vacation.

## From Westchester

July was a big month for Mary Alice White. She completed a year's internship in the psychology department, completed her thesis and received a Ph.D. from Columbia University, and was appointed assistant head of the psychology department at the Westchester Division . . Sanford Reiss, student at Cornell Medical School, is one of 17 college students who are helping to carry the vacation load at the Westchester Division. They are serving as attendants. Some are pre-med students, some psychology majors and all are interested in psychiatry. Colleges represented include Barnard, Skidmore, Wellesley, Catholic University, Columbia, Iowa University, Oxford College (Ohio), Scranton Teachers' College, and New York University. Three students from the White Plains Branch of N. Y. U. have been working as part-time attendants all year . . Dr. John J. Smalldon who has been the assistant medical director since July 1, 1946, has

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**MANY THANKS**

. . . for the fine table radio given to the Nurses Residence by an anonymous contributor. Our unknown friend simply left it at the Residence desk with the explanation that she had won it in a raffle and wanted to pass it on to a student nurse.

It was unanimously voted to turn the radio over to the Nurses' Infirmary where all students requiring sojourn there could enjoy its soothing benefits.

**MRS. HERDER HONORED**

On May 27th the staff of Central Laboratories gave a party for Mrs Jane Herder upon the occasion of her retirement after serving N.Y.H. for 17 years. Her co-workers presented her with a handbag containing \$25.00. Mrs. Herder prizes very highly the silver service pin which she received at the Long Service Award dinner last November.

She will long be remembered here for her friendliness and willingness to cooperate and lend a helping hand to all. It has been a pleasure to know and work with her and we extend to her our very

**36th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED**

*Above are: (seated) Mr. Soderstrom, Clarence Cable, Mrs. Soderstrom and Dr. Eugene F. DuBois; (standing) Fabian R. and Louis Soderstrom, sons, and Laura Soderstrom, daughter, of the guest of honor, and Dr. David P. Barr.*

best wishes and hope that she will come in often to visit her many friends.



*Bottom row (left to right) Bertha Kraus, Frieda Ehnes, Victoria Candemeres, Bettye Rutherford, Mary Sturdik, Mary Hayes. Second row, Olympia Satriale, Shirley Light, Dr. Stillman, Mrs. Herder, Mary Heady, Agnes McEwan. Third row, Joe Polloro, Mildred Sintonen, Marie Ehn, Hattie Bacher, Addie Fideler, Frieda Theilig, Nellie Maley and Mary Walla.*

A dinner was given on June 4th for G. Fabian Soderstrom by his associates of the Russell Sage Institute of Pathology, New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Mr. Soderstrom, who has been with the Institute since 1912, is well-known and respected here for his work in metabolism research.

A resident of Norwalk, Connecticut, Mr. Soderstrom had with him on this occasion many members of his family as well as friends and co-workers.

Dr. Ephraim Shorr, Dr. David P. Barr, Dr. Eugene DuBois and Dr. James Hardy were among those who spoke in honor of Mr. Soderstrom and his outstanding work. The guest of honor was presented with an engraved pipe, a bound volume of reprints of his papers, and a New York Hospital chair, the first ever given to a layman. Among those who sent letters and telegrams of congratulations were Dr. Joseph Aub of Harvard, Dr. William McCann of the Rochester School of Medicine, and Dr. Carl M. Hergot of Boston.

We regret that space does not permit us to list the names of all those who joined to pay tribute to Mr. Soderstrom. THE PULSE wishes to add its name in expressing best wishes and congratulations.

## DR. STILLMAN TO RETIRE

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a large, complex organization with a staff of more than 70 and occupies space on 12 different floors of the Hospital with headquarters on the 4th floor. The largest volume of work is carried out on the 5th floor where the Chemistry and Bacteriology Laboratories, Basal Metabolism and Blood Bank are located.

The routine Clinical Laboratories are scattered throughout the Hospital in the clinics and private and semi-private floors which they serve. The Issue-Media Room, though located in the College building on the 4th floor, is operated by Central Laboratories.

It may be of interest to note that in 1933 the annual report showed a total of 47,000 examinations done for that year. The annual report for the year ending 1947 showed a total of 381,-269 examinations performed.

The Blood Bank was started as a very small unit under Dr. Pastore in the Woman's Clinic in January 1939 and in June of the same year, was transferred to the Central Laboratories. Under Dr. Stillman's careful guidance and capable leadership this unit has developed into one of the most valuable adjuncts to the Clinical Departments and has grown from one technician in 1939 to a staff of 14 which operates on a twenty-four hour basis.

Dr. Stillman, who has always interested himself in intravenous procedures, has been vitally interested in transfusions, the proper handling of apparatus for the giving of transfusions, the laboratory tests connected with it, the investigation of reactions which might occur following a transfusion, and other similar research problems. He is regarded as an authority in the field of transfusion and is serving on the Blood Transfusion Committee of the New York County Medical Society, the Committee on Standards of the American Association of Blood Banks and the Committee to Confer with Officials of the American Red Cross. He is president of the Society for the Study of Blood.

Since 1932, Dr. Stillman has conducted the course in Clinical Pathology for the second year medical students of the Cornell Medical College and also

conducted a course in microbiology for the student nurses.

Although he is of a quiet and unassuming nature, Dr. Stillman's friendly personality and helping hand is known, not only in his own department, but by all who came in contact with him. We shall miss Dr. Stillman very much, but we are glad that he will now have the opportunity of enjoying his beautiful country home in Kent, Connecticut, not only on week-ends, but as often as he pleases. We extend our very best wishes to him, and on behalf of the whole staff of Central Laboratories, a most heartfelt thanks for being the "most wonderful boss" to work with.

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## NEW DIRECTOR FOR PAVILION ADMITTING

Mrs. Evelyn Belton has joined the Hospital staff as Director of Pavilion Admitting.

Mrs. Belton, who recently served with the American Military Government in Berlin, has been a member of the WAC, which she joined in 1944. She was sent overseas in 1945 and discharged in January, 1946, with the rank of Staff Sergeant. She joined the A.M.G. in the capacity of publicity manager for Special Services. In this post she originated a weekly mimeographed paper called "The Bulletin" which, under her management, increased its circulation from 100 to 1,000 and became a printed magazine. From there she went to the staff of the "Observer," an American newspaper in Berlin. She returned to this country in September, 1947.

Mrs. Belton tells us that she likes her new job at N.Y.H. because of the opportunities it offers to be of help to so many different people.

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## FROM WESTCHESTER

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resigned to become superintendent of the New Hampshire State Hospital at Concord . . . Resident physicians appointed in July include Drs. Mary and Robert Knight, graduates of Cornell Medical School, March (1947), and Dr. Frank MacFarland Gaines, Jr., University of Louisville (1941).

## THE ORDERLY

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then he is assigned to a regular floor.

Here are just some of the duties an orderly may perform during the course of a busy day; helping to put male patients to bed, weighing male patients, assisting them in the tub, Sitz bath or medicated bath, feeding helpless patients, learning how to operate, assemble and care for all the various types of medical equipment such as traction and fracture beds and decompression apparatus and replacing oxygen cylinders when they are empty.

Much credit should go to the relief orderly who goes from floor to floor replacing men who are ill, having a day off, or who are on vacation. While certain routines are standard, every floor offers a different challenge, and this calls for quick adaptability on the part of the orderly.

Evening and night orderlies have almost double responsibility, for during these hours the floors are operating with smaller staffs. Patients are more uncomfortable and ill at this time, and the nurses depend upon their orderlies for help more than ever. Many times the orderly can handle male patients more easily than nurses. Psychologically they have a better understanding of the problems of male patients.

Some spots in the Hospital have more glamour and excitement than others. The busy operating rooms with their accompanying drama and pathos keep one group of orderlies busy. More technical skill is required of this group, but they, too, have some of the dull, routine jobs to do. No orderly's job here is unimportant for each orderly is an essential member of the Hospital family.

In true American fashion, we expect efficiency, initiative and teamwork from everyone in caring for the sick. When we are fortunate enough to have it, staff and patients alike accept it as normal and say very little about it. That's why we pay tribute here to this group.

It is hoped that patients and visitors will say of our floor staffs what Ernie Pyle said of an overseas unit that he visited: "The whole outfit vibrated with accomplishment, and they were all proud together."